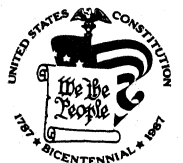


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Weekly Coal Production

Production for Week Ended:
May 23, 1987



Highlights

U.S. coal production in the week ended May 23, 1987, as estimated by the Energy Information Administration, totaled 17.3 million short tons (bituminous coal and lignite, 17.2 million short tons; Pennsylvania anthracite, .09 million short tons). This was 0.1 percent higher than in the previous week, and was 0.9 percent higher than production in the corresponding week of 1986.

The United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) April 24, 1987, strike against FMC's Skull Point Mine in Wyoming has been settled. Miners returned to work on May 18, 1987. At the Cyprus Minerals Colorado Yampa mine in Colorado, miners walked off the job April 23, 1987, but company personnel

were continuing operations and deliveries. In Eastern Kentucky, Blue Diamond Coal Company's Leatherwood mine was closed when the union contract expired midnight May 4, 1987, and no coal was being mined or shipped.

Cumulative U.S. coal production from January 1 through May 23, 1987, was estimated at 343.6 million short tons, 5.4 percent below the 363.2 million short tons produced in the comparable period in 1986.

The methodology used to make weekly estimates of coal production was published in the Weekly Coal Production (DOE/EIA-0218(86/35)), released for publication on September 8, 1986.

Figure 1. Coal Production

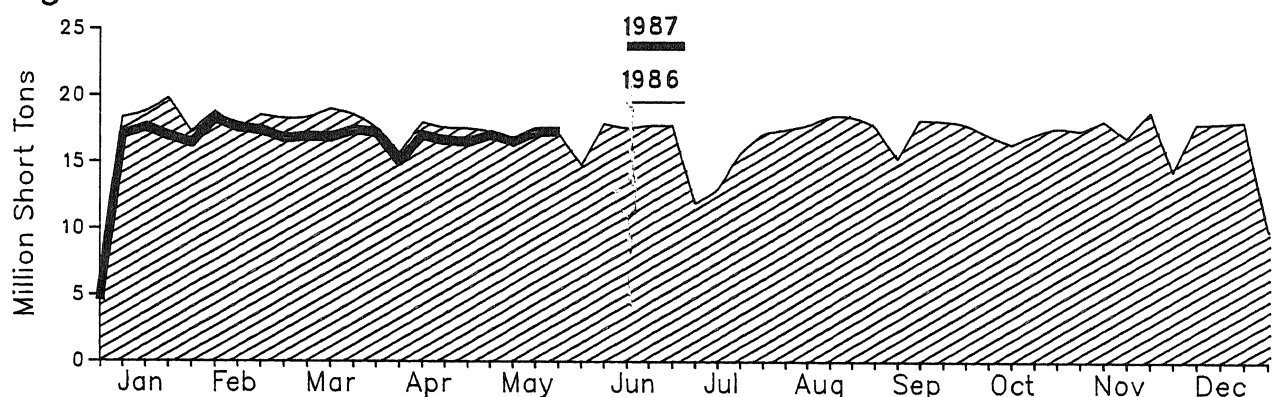


Table 2. Coal Production by State
(Thousand Short Tons)

Region and State	Week Ended		
	05/23/87	05/16/87	05/24/86
Bituminous Coal ¹ and Lignite			
East of the Mississippi	11,339	11,143	11,392
Alabama	448	468	501
Illinois	1,237	1,189	1,312
Indiana	577	605	675
Kentucky	3,209	3,194	3,225
Kentucky, Eastern	2,387	2,376	2,407
Kentucky, Western	821	818	818
Maryland	92	91	86
Ohio	734	710	659
Pennsylvania Bituminous	1,534	1,426	1,358
Tennessee	115	123	138
Virginia	829	806	869
West Virginia	2,564	2,530	2,568
West of the Mississippi	5,870	6,048	5,683
Alaska	25	25	30
Arizona	222	134	224
Arkansas	1	1	2
Colorado	311	340	303
Iowa	8	8	10
Kansas	19	19	19
Louisiana	61	61	48
Missouri	103	103	121
Montana	591	613	507
New Mexico	370	540	435
North Dakota	413	431	422
Oklahoma	79	78	68
Texas	849	852	852
Utah	284	296	240
Washington	81	82	94
Wyoming	2,453	2,466	2,309
Bituminous ¹ and Lignite Total	17,209	17,191	17,074
Pennsylvania Anthracite	89	84	69
U.S. Total	17,298	17,275	17,143

¹Includes subbituminous coal.

Note: 1986 and 1987 data are preliminary. Total may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Sources: Association of American Railroads, Transportation Division, Weekly Statement CS-54A; Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-6, "Coal Distribution Report" and State mining agency coal production reports.

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